

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 3 through 7 with the following amended paragraph:

**RELATED APPLICATION APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation of Application No. 08/954,279, filed October 20, 1997 (issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,423,501 on July 23, 2002), which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/032,963, filed December 13, 1996. The entire teachings of the above applications are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, lines 17 through 18 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 5 illustrates Ly-C peptide 1A12 sequence (SEQ ID NO:1) and alignment with mouse (SEQ ID NO:2) and human CD81 (SEQ ID NO:3).